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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 7, 1999. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims as indicated:

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3. (Thrice amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a user's nose from drawing in during breathing, comprising:
- a flexible truss member having an initial state absent flexure thereof, the truss member including:
 - a first end region having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;
 - a second end region having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively engage the outer wall tissues of a second nasal passage;

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